

REMARKS

The final Office Action mailed July 26, 2005, has been carefully reviewed, and these remarks and amendments are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 26, 27, 30-32, 39, and 41-45 are now pending. Claims 3, 4, 25, 33-38, and 40 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein. Claim 26 is amended, and new claims 41-45 are added. No new matter has been added.

Interview Summary

Applicants' below-signed representative wishes to thank Examiner Lao for taking the time to conduct a telephone interview on September 6, 2005. During the interview, claim 38 and Fig. 3 of the specification were discussed with regard to the asserted art. Although particular claim language was not discussed, it was agreed that claims directed to storing and/or using both rounded and un-rounded versions of scroll positions would likely be allowable over the art presently asserted. *See, e.g.*, the illustrative embodiment described in connection with Fig. 3 in Applicants' specification. Accordingly, Applicants are now amending the claims as generally discussed during the interview.

The Rejections

Claims 3, 4, and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,043,809 to Holehan ("Holehan"). Claims 33-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,014,140 to Strand ("Strand"). Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Holehan in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,371,846 to Bates ("Bates"). Claim 37 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Strand in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,495,490 to Hopper et al. ("Hopper"). Claims 26, 27, 30, and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Holehan in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,418,549 to Anderson et al. ("Anderson"). Claims 32, 38, and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Holehan in view of Anderson, and further in view of Hopper. Applicants respectfully traverse all rejections in light of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Independent Claim 26

Independent claim 26 is amended only to incorporate now-canceled dependent claim 38. As amended, claim 26 recites a method including determining a location of a pointer relative to a touch-sensitive surface, moving a document to a location in the document that corresponds to the location of the pointer, rounding the location in the document to a nearest text line, and continuing to store the un-rounded location after the document has been moved to the rounded location.

During the interview, the Examiner agreed that such a recitation appears to distinguish from the proposed combination of Holehan, Anderson, and Hopper. In particular, none of these references, either alone or in combination as proposed, teaches or suggests continuing to store the un-rounded location after the document has been moved to the rounded location.

Moreover, Applicants submit that the proposed motivation to have modified Holehan with Anderson as set forth in the Office Action is not proper. The Office Action states that “[i]t would have been obvious to rounding to nearest line since it is well known that a scrolling system could scroll a document per page or per line (see Strand’s column 2, lines 9-19 and lines 51-55).” However, the MPEP states that “[t]he mere fact that references can be combined or modified does not render the resultant combination obvious unless the prior art also suggests the desirability of the combination.” MPEP 2143.01. (underlining in original). Yet this is exactly what the Office Action is attempting to do. The Office Action has relied on the alleged fact that Holehan can be modified to scroll to a nearest line, but without providing any motivation to have done so.

For at least these reasons, it is submitted that neither Holehan, Anderson, nor Hopper, either alone or in combination as proposed, teaches or suggests every feature recited in amended claim 26.

New Independent Claims 41 and 44

The new independent claims are also allowable over the art of record. These new claims are supported by, for example, the illustrative embodiment described in connection with Fig. 3.

Regarding claim 41, none of the art of record teaches or suggests determining a first un-rounded location in a document based on a first location of a pointer, rounding the first un-rounded location in the document to a nearest first text line, moving the document to the first text

line, determining a second location in the document based on both a second location of the pointer and the first un-rounded location in the document, rounding the second location in the document to a nearest second text line, and moving the document to the second text line.

Regarding claim 44, none of the art of record teaches or suggests determining a first location in a document based on a first gesture of a pointer, determining a first text line based on the first location in the document; moving the document to the first text line; determining a second location in the document based on both a second gesture of the pointer and the first location in the document, determining a second text line based on the second location in the document, and moving the document to the second text line.

Dependent Claims

The remaining dependent claims are also allowable by virtue of their dependence on allowable independent claims, and further in view of the additional features recited therein.

Conclusion

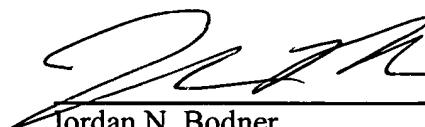
All rejections having been addressed, allowance and notification of the same are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or believe that a telephone call or personal interview would be beneficial, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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